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Sri B. BHIMA RAO :—" May I know why this distinction of listed posts is kept up even after the advent of independence ? "

The Hon. Sri K. MADHAVA MENON :—" There is no question of the listed posts being kept up; those who were recruited before 1947 will continue as such and the others will be confirmed after the formation of the Higher Judicial Service."

Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know if the Government have framed the rules for the Higher Provincial Judicial Service? "

The Hon. Sri K. MADHAVA MENON :—" It is under consideration."

Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Is there any proposal to revive the system of direct recruitment? "

The Hon. Sri K. MADHAVA MENON :—" It is under examination."

Sri B. BHIMA RAO :—" Are any principles laid down for the confirmation of those people who have acted as District Judges; is it on account of length of service or with reference to merit or otherwise they will be confirmed? "

The Hon. Sri K. MADHAVA MENON :—" It will be decided after the formation of the Service and the rules will deal with the question."

Janab ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI :—" Are the orders passed by the Secretary of State for India still in force? "

The Hon. Sri K. MADHAVA MENON :—" No."

Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know if for the I.A.S. men some posts are also reserved in the Higher Judicial Service? "

The Hon. Sri K. MADHAVA MENON :—" The I.A's has nothing to do with the Higher Judicial Service."

Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" What is the method of direct recruitment which the Government propose to adopt in case they revive direct recruitment? "

The Hon. Sri K. MADHAVA MENON :—" I did not say that we propose to revive the system of direct recruitment; all that I said is that it is under examination."

Transfer of certain District Medical Officers.

* 2 *Q.*—Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that some transfers of District Medical Officers have been made violating the rule that ordinarily an officer should not be transferred from a place before he completes three years; and

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(*b*) whether, and if so, what public interests are involved in the transfers referred to in clause (*a*)?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" (*a*) & (*b*) There is no statutory rule that District Medical Officers should not be transferred from one station to another before completion of three years service in the former station. But in practice, District Medical Officers are not transferred before completion of three years' service in a station, except for important administrative reason or on public grounds. Very few transfers of District Medical Officers were ordered in recent months. The grounds for transfer being confidential, cannot be divulged."

Port and Marine funds.

* 3 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Port and Marine funds are constituted in the Province, and, if so, what the amounts to their credit at the end of 1947–48 were;

(*b*) what the methods for augmenting these funds are;

(*c*) what the purposes for which these funds have been constituted are;

(*d*) whether at any time amounts have been drawn from these funds for carrying out the purposes mentioned in answer to (*c*);

(*e*) what the expenditure has been for various purposes;

(*f*) whether the Government have under consideration a scheme for the development of minor ports;

(*g*) whether grants for purposes other than those for which the funds are constituted are permissible;

(*h*) whether it is a fact that the Government have made a grant or sanctioned a loan to a shipping company for the purchase of a steamer;

(*i*) what the conditions governing such grants or loans are;

(*j*) whether the procedure prescribed under the State-aid to Industries Act was followed before making the grant or loan; and

(*k*) whether the Government will place on the table of the House the conditions governing the grant or loan?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) *to* (*k*) Attention is invited to the paper [a] placed on the table of the House."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether giving loans out of the Minor Ports Fund is one of the objects of the Fund?"

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 273–278 infra.